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an elongated member extending from the impact surface, wherein the elongated member comprises a first end substantially proximate the impact surface and a second end substantially distant from the impact surface; and

a grasping member coupled to the elongated member, wherein the grasping member is configured to fit over a portion of the elongated member such that two cavities are formed substantially opposite each other between the grasping member and the elongated member, and wherein the grasping member is configured to be grasped by a human hand during use.

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Please add the following claims:

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124. (new) The hammering device of claim 99, wherein the at least one cavity is filled with air.

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125. (new) The hammering device of claim 116, further comprising at least one compartment filled with air disposed in the annular cavity.

126. (new) The hammering device of claim 116, wherein the annular cavity is filled with air.

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**Response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2001**

Applicant hereby traverses the election requirement. MPEP § 803 states: "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." The attention of the Examiner is respectfully directed to Pages 5 and 6 of the Specification, which states: